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Definitions of Functional Intelligence Fields which Appear in the O/TR
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1. If the purpose of the O/TR definitions is to delineate the functional fields of intelligence according to the CIA structure, then they would have to be recast somewhat. Technical intelligence as a separate entity does not exist in the research area. The portion of the technical intelligence defined as "practice" is now in the economic research area and the portion defined as "theory" is within the province of scientific intelligence. In actuality, the line of demarcation between these two types is difficult to determine, even though the distinction can be made in theory.

2. The definition for Geographic Intelligence does not seem to be inclusive enough in that it does not include climatology, oceanography, or demographic movements.

3. The approach taken in the definition of Economic Intelligence is a little too cumbersome. As it stands, it is incomplete and to round it out it would be necessary to add an horrendous number of other factors which would make it unusable as a precise definition. A more concise definition which seems to take in most of the factors is as follows:

ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE — Intelligence concerned with those domestic and international activities and organizations of foreign nations and areas which have to do with the creation, valuation, distribution, and utilization of economic goods and services.

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